

**City of Bloomington  
Telecommunications Council  
Business Meeting – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**Common Council Chambers  
City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.**

**I. Members Present:** Eric Ost, Carl Zager, & Duane Busick

**II. Public Comment**

**Lennon Beasley** – Mentioned completing his romance program with his girlfriend Katie Mills. He will be doing some traveling with Carl Zager, and getting ready to celebrate his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Carl moved that the October minutes be approved. Duane seconded the motion. Corrections were made by Eric. In the text there is recurring reference to franchise fees as a possessive. It should be franchise fees without the apostrophe. Also, Erik Mollberg's name is misspelled. Questioned called, all approved. Approval of September minutes was deferred until December meeting.

**IV. Reports and Announcements**

**1. Telecom Members:**

**Carl** - 1. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm there will be a test of the nationwide emergency alert system conducted. This will be the first time the nation has ever been tested. This test is an action put into place by the Federal Communication Commission in which the public safety bureau chief joined with FEMA and the National Weather Service to check the system.

2. Local franchise fees help fund and support the PEG channels. At the last several meeting, this has been mentioned that an alternative needs to be sought out. After looking at the minutes from the CATS funding partners meeting that took place a few months ago. It seems like the Association of Cities and Towns believes that the funding will not be lost. Lobbying will be done to keep the structured funding in place. This optimism is not shared, and it is disappointing that measures haven't been addressed to begin looking for alternatives.

Eric – The Indiana Legislature Review Committee met and discussed the issues of the franchises, and reported on the study they performed. It was reported to me by Erik Mollberg that they would not be making a recommendation either way.

**2. CATS - Michael White**

- Monthly programming  
- Discussion was held about possibly putting a program guide/listing on between programs. As well as, a discussion about funding for CATS that will come from the city, county, and Town of Ellettsville.

**3. WTIU – No Report**

**V. Information from or about Video Service Provider – No Report**

**VI. New Business**

**Eric** – Mention of the vacancy position on the council. It is a position that is appointed by the city council. Anyone interested in the position can apply at the city clerk's office. Application can be obtained online at the city's website.

Feedback was also received from the director of the ITS department and city legal about our request to have Google docs used for the minutes format. They have some concerns pursuant to the Indiana Open Door Law.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Eric that the meeting be adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building  
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